



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Heavy Rains Helpful For Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 9, 2010.**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	98	94	85	93
Corn Emerged	86	78	68	77
Corn Silked	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cotton Planted	44	27	28	50
Peanuts Planted	12	1	20	20
Soybeans Planted	24	16	10	27
Winter Wheat Headed	79	65	72	62
Hay Harvested-1 st cutting	12	3	28	N/A
% Of Feed Obtained	88	85	83	N/A

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	25	73	2
Cotton	0	0	35	64	1
Winter Wheat	0	3	47	45	5
Livestock	0	0	54	40	6
Pasture & Range	0	1	52	42	5

Crop	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Hay & Roughage Supplies	4	92	4

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.5	0	8	88	4
District 20	3.9	0	2	92	6
District 30	4.2	0	7	93	0
District 40	4.1	0	1	97	2
District 50	4.6	1	4	82	13
District 60	4.2	0	6	65	29
State: Current Week	4.2	0	4	86	10
State: Previous Week	4.8	1	7	83	9

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Heavy rains and flooding brought an end to abnormally dry conditions that had been affecting Alabama last week. Karen McDonald, County Executive Director for Monroe County stated that although the county received 6

inches of rainfall, more moisture was needed. The US Drought Monitor released May 6 portrayed the state to be 100 percent free from drought compared to 100 percent 3 months ago, and 100 percent a year ago. Daytime highs for the week ranged from 86 degrees in Sand Mountain and Gadsden, to 92 degrees in Headland and Dothan. Overnight lows ranged from 43 degrees in Hamilton, and Pinson, to 57 degrees in Headland. Rainfall amounts for last week ranged from 1.46 inches in Gadsden to 4.60 inches of precipitation in Cullman over a period of 1 day.

Small Grains: Brandon Dillard, Regional Extension Agent for Geneva County stated the wheat acres have begun drying out from the wet weekend, but still may cause the crop to be delayed about two weeks. The severe weather from this weekend did not have a huge impact, however, the only real problem was the wind. Rust has also been noticed on the wheat crop, but fungicides have been applied to help resolve this issue. James Jones, County Extension Coordinator for Henry County mentioned small grain harvest will begin shortly in his area.

Corn/Soybeans/Peanuts: Tim Malone, County Executive Director for Lauderdale County commented that cotton planting made progress last week. If the area has another good week, cotton planting should be finished by the end of this week. Soybean planting began and fieldwork should increase this week. Mr. Jones stated his area received much needed rainfall last week. Peanut planting was underway, and cotton planting will return this week after a break due to dry conditions.

Pasture/Livestock: Jack Tatum, Regional Extension Agent for Shelby County stated that some ryegrass for hay was cut last week. Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent for Talladega County, mentioned warm temperatures and adequate soil moisture early last week was helpful for warm season grasses. A dry week at the end of last week enabled producers to begin hay operations. Kevan Tucker, County Extension Coordinator for Clarke County commented that warmer temperatures after the rain prompted summer perennial grasses to begin rapid growth.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday May 3, 2010 To Sunday May 9, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	82	40	66	2	0.28	-0.78	3	14.11	-5.44	72		111	10	51	13
Russellville	81	37	62	0	1.61	0.41	2	16.39	-5.14	76		90	10	36	12
Belle Mina	83	38	61	-3	0.35	-0.70	3	16.91	-4.29	80	64	86	-8	31	-2
Huntsville Ag	84	41	66	3	0.04	-1.08	1	16.03	-5.88	73		112	14	52	16
Hamilton	81	36	62	-1	0.68	-0.62	2	20.07	-2.66	88		92	7	36	10
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	83	40	65	-1	0.02	-1.07	1	16.43	-5.61	75		103	-5	46	6
Cullman Ag	79	39	63	-1	0.03	-1.16	2	22.91	-0.24	99	64	92	-3	35	3
Sand Mountain	80	42	62	0	0.05	-1.07	2	18.50	-3.55	84		87	2	35	9
Gadsden_AP	81	39	63	-2	0.00	-1.19	0	15.94	-6.85	70		94	-3	43	11
Bridgeport	83	41	61	-1	0.41	-0.77	2	17.84	-5.13	78		79	-2	26	2
Guntersville	81	43	62	-4	0.64	-0.50	3	19.94	-1.40	93		93	-10	35	-4
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	84	43	65	-1	0.00	-1.03	0	18.20	-4.65	80	66	111	2	47	3
Talladega	82	39	62	-3	0.00	-1.01	0	19.85	-2.56	89		92	-9	36	-1
Birmingham_AP	81	42	66	2	0.02	-1.10	1	19.24	-2.05	90		114	9	52	12
Alabaster	83	43	66	2	0.00	-1.09	0	20.00	-3.68	84		113	9	49	11
Pinson	81	41	64	1	0.05	-1.14	1	18.95	-3.70	84		100	8	44	13
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	83	39	62	-3	0.00	-1.02	0	17.02	-6.31	73		90	-11	31	-6
Alexander_City	82	41	63	-3	0.01	-1.04	1	17.98	-4.96	78		99	-6	36	-3
Tuscaloosa_AP	83	42	67	1	0.00	-1.13	0	15.40	-6.98	69		125	9	59	10
Jasper	82	40	63	-1	0.04	-1.15	1	24.95	2.03	109		100	9	41	11
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	86	43	66	-2	0.19	-0.72	2	14.05	-7.06	67		118	0	49	0
Marion Junction	84	43	66	-1	0.00	-1.01	0	17.56	-4.50	80	75	121	8	53	8
Montgomery_AP	87	42	67	-1	0.00	-0.92	0	16.28	-4.89	77		122	-2	56	2
Livingston	82	42	65	-3	0.32	-0.82	2	21.79	-0.94	96		110	-6	46	-1
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	85	47	69	-3	0.35	-0.72	1	24.92	2.37	111		133	-11	63	-11
Brewton_AG	84	42	67	-2	0.07	-0.88	1	21.57	-1.29	94	77	125	-4	57	-2
Thomasville	84	45	68	0	0.08	-0.93	2	17.06	-5.64	75		129	6	60	6
Mobile_Bates	85	44	69	-2	0.17	-0.95	1	22.37	0.92	104		138	-7	68	-7
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	87	44	66	-1	1.27	0.43	2	22.44	2.41	112		117	-1	49	-1
Troy_Municipal	85	40	66	-2	0.29	-0.55	2	18.93	-1.47	93		116	-5	51	-1
Highland Home	85	43	66	-2	0.19	-0.76	1	21.24	-1.05	95		113	-8	46	-7
Geneva_Ag	86	42	66	-4	0.60	-0.17	1	20.43	0.45	102	78	113	-22	46	-19
Headland	86	47	69	-1	0.03	-0.88	1	17.57	-3.71	83	76	133	-1	63	-1
Dothan	86	47	69	-1	0.10	-0.74	1	17.98	-3.34	84		132	-1	62	-1

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.